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LETTERS



En Garde!

Sir:

Your SKI Magazine is no "bone of contention" at our house—that's one item over which we don't have to take our ski-poles to (a really vicious weapon).

D. S. Runyon, 1613 Cambridge St., Fresno, California, and D. S. Runyon, Rt. 13—Box 669, Fresno, California, "are but two hearts beating as one."—Yep—we moved! We still get two magazines, we aren't complaining—it's really very nice—we each retire to our snow banked corners and digest your digest, coming up only for comments and air—finishing at approximately the same time, whereupon we discuss your fine articles 'til exhausted.

JOAN RUNYON

Fresno, Calif.



Cadillacs and Carriers

Sir:

We have the problem of carrying skis on convertible automobiles. Our group has a 1949 Cadillac and a 1948 Buick. We are interested in finding carriers suitable for transporting four pair of skis at once on either of these automobiles.

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OAKLEIGH W. ROBINSON

Washington, D. C.

You have probably heard of the side carrier, made by McAleer Mfg. Co. of Rochester, Michigan, that sells for \$5.00. There is also a side carrier that allows the doors to open made by Don Berry, Inc., Capitol Hill, Denver, Colorado. Crandel-Hicks Co., Commonwealth Ave., Boston, used to handle the rear rack that you describe, but not much has been heard of this rack in recent years.—Ed.

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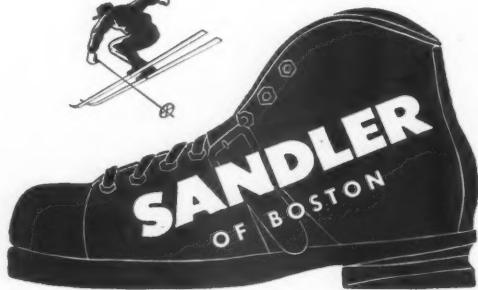
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The Milky Way

Sir:

An item of interest concerning snow conditions in the Sierra Nevada gave skiers in Utah and Nevada a good laugh. Last year when the dryness in both states was wearing the tempers of the residents thin (not to mention those of the hopeful skiers), Nevada tried a measure of desperation to obtain a few drops of water. Planes were flown over the Slide Mountain and Mt. Rose areas to milk the clouds with dry ice in an effort to start a storm. They were not successful, however, and the long drought continued. But when this information reached the Utah people, then an indignant protest was sent to the Governor of Nevada asking us to stop taking the snow that rightfully belonged to Utah. Nevada promptly answered the protest with the assertion that we had as much right to the snow or rain (if any) as they did and continued to try for a storm with dry ice. At last a mild storm hit both areas and the controversy was ended for the moment.

Now, with the Sierra Nevada being blessed with storm after storm and sufficient snow to insure full reservoirs in the spring, there is no need to "milk" the clouds. The clouds that bless our mountains go on unmolested to Utah's Alta ski area and also to fill their reservoirs. The argument over last year's snow turned into a joke for both states, and Utah sent a telegram protesting that now they had too much snow and would Nevada please keep a little of the snow. Skiers in both states can once more put on a new base without fear of running a "rock garden" on every slope.

Thank you for sending me a very fine magazine each month. Your coverage of both eastern and western skiing is wonderful for us westerners who like to keep brushed up on eastern ski news. Reading about your "big snow" makes us realize that we may have the mountains, but the east has the snow!

JOAN METZGER

Reno, Nevada

Disregarding Kipling, let's say that your East is our West. We can't be the East you refer to. Those "big snows" passed out to sea, or Hudson Bay. We are still the rock bound New England.

For your information, the Governor of South Carolina once said to the Governor of North Carolina, "Pass the ice, sir."

Last Hope

Sir:

After several days of summer skiing on Mt. Hood last August, I became a confirmed "year round enthusiast."

I am extremely interested in obtaining a summer job in any capacity in an area where it is possible to ski in July and August.

Unfortunately, Timberline Lodge has a permanent staff of employees, and Mt. Baker Lodge in Washington is the only other establishment I am familiar with. I have heard there are such Lodges near Jackson Hole, on Mt. Rainier, and the San Francisco range near Flagstaff, Arizona. If you could supply the names of several of these places and their exact locations, I would be eternally obligated.

LETTERS.

Travel agencies have not been able to offer any information at all and you are my last hope.

EARL JACOBS, JR.

Syracuse, N. Y.

SKI Magazine is not your "last hope." You have three more chances — write to A. C. Grasmoe, Flagstaff, Arizona; James Huidekoper, Jackson Hole, Wyo.; Rainier National Park, Longmire, Wash. These gentlemen are also closely connected with their immediate districts and should be helpful in solving your problem. — Ed.

One Who Knows

Sir:

Congratulations on SKI! The 65 boys who are taking part in our ski program look forward to its arrival.

I was especially interested in the article in the Jan. 1 issue, about Mezzy Barber titled, "U. S. Jumping Faces a Dinosaur's Fate," not only because Mezzy was a Vermont Academy school boy, but because he expresses here the exact same doctrine that I have always lived and skied by, and that I inspire in my boys here at school: "the only real skier is the four-event skier," and "the only way to become a topflight four-event skier is to start out as a jumper."

We need more people, people qualified with experience and with spirit like that expressed by Mezzy, to bring our "kids" along to be great skiers. Keep up the great work!

WARREN CHIVERS

Saxons River, Vt.

Reception such as this from a former Olympic Skier is greatly appreciated. — Ed.

Hokkaido

Sir:

Your magazine is tops but it drives me to screaming frustration to read it here in the south — also have to keep my skis out of sight. They look so ridiculously out-of-place in North Carolina.

Some friends and I are planning a ski trip in February. We'd like to rent a cabin with or without cooking facilities. Would appreciate suggestions from you. Rumors here are that there are four new ski resorts in the Great Smokies in Tennessee! Can you enlighten me on this?

Incidentally, I spent three winters on the Island of Hokkaido in Japan, and will be happy to advise anyone on the skiing picture there — have in mind reader K. J. Ryan of Guam, your "Japanese Representative." The skiing there is excellent — can furnish you with pictures and/or a short summary if you are interested.

HAL MOORE

Fort Bragg, N. C.

To solve your camping expedition SKI contacted Nell Denney, secretary of the Knoxville Ski Club, who says that the four new ski centers are a pipe dream. However, Gatlinburg, 50 miles south of Knoxville is the ski center of Tennessee. Better check before you start your trek, as they have no snow! — Ed.

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The Last Cross

Readers who have been with us since the first issue of the winter will recall that James Laughlin opened the first of 10 INSIDE REPORTS with his rebuke of intense nationalism at the Olympic games and, to an equal degree, on a worldwide basis.

To permit the French, who came in for a sizeable amount of the criticism, to reply, a retort from Rene Ravoire was printed in full in the December 15 issue.

On reading Ravoire's rebuttal, Laughlin replied to the reply.

Now the game of tick-tack-toe that has been going on has reached the final circle and cross. In this issue under FOREIGN Doctor Jean Carle has seen fit to answer for 40 million Frenchmen. It seemed only proper that he be allowed to do so.

Our own reaction to the whole affair is that, unlike the familiar game, before mentioned, no one is able to draw a straight line between his marks and say, "I have won."

Neither side has won, for there undoubtedly exist valid points in the facts presented from each side of the fence.

One point that must not be overlooked is that the skiing public of the New World should not be pushed too far, or their tolerance of Old World antagonisms will soon be overstrained. All concerned should give this thought more than a momentary nod, for there is considerable at stake for many who seem to ignore the thin crust on which they ski.

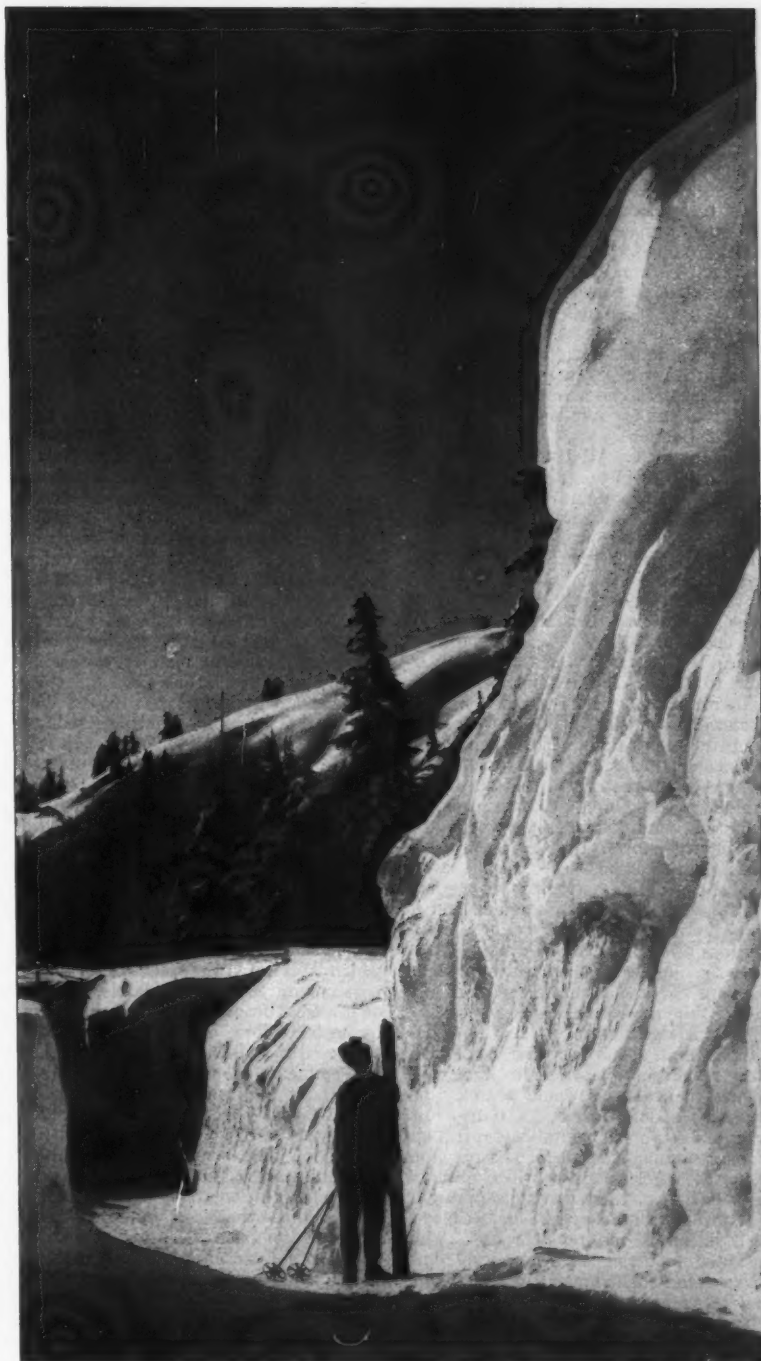
Serious Blow: Of far greater importance to the recreational skier who can indulge in his favorite sport only during a winter vacation period is the material presented in BUSINESS TRENDS on Page 14. Skiing will be dealt a very serious blow if a majority of industrial concerns adopt summer shutdowns with forced vacations.

Not only skiers who will be affected if the current trend continues should be alarmed into action, they should be joined in the crusade for Vacation Freedom by resort owners everywhere.

We would also like to point out that Ryden Skinner's INSIDE REPORT in this issue represents a thorough survey among competitors on the author's part and an equally comprehensive cross-check of racers by the staff.

It is obvious that racers do not fully appreciate the problems involved in securing officials for the nearly 300 sanctioned meets now being run in this country each winter. However, officials, competent and otherwise, can all afford to be courteous to competitors, and more good than harm should surely result from airing the racers' grievances.

Life can be beautiful (on its cover) and so can *SKI*. Identical ideas arrived at weeks in advance of publication dates placed Emile Allais on *Life's* January 20 and *SKI's* current issue.



Walt Dyke Photo

TWENTY-FIVE FEET OF SNOW AT MT. BAKER, WASH.

It's 'On The Level'

INSIDE REPORT

Competitors Resent Over-Officiousness

by RYDEN SKINNER

Once upon a time groups of devil-may-care skiers gathered on New England trails to see who could make the best time to the bottom. The timing and recording was cheerfully done by a few volunteers.

Each individual experienced the same test of skill or courage. The slowest runner's time was as important as the fastest. To have run at all was something of an accomplishment, and the sharing of the joint job produced a camaraderie which has always been the honest reason why most racers compete at all.

Came a time when the mechanics of putting on a race became more exact and detailed. Certain men became timers, or recorders, or gatekeepers because of their special faculty for such jobs. Thus began the breach . . . one was either an "official" or a racer. Perhaps because of the notion that it takes more brains to time a race than to run a race, the title "official" began to take on the aspect of class distinction.

Racers Once All-Important: Gone was the feeling of the past that a ski race was a spectacle made possible by the racers themselves. Having followed the sport for 20 years in the East, it is a simple matter for me to look back and recall that about the racers were once woven the legends, and to them, as prime movers, was accorded the type of indulgence and flattery generally handed to a guest by his host. Perhaps this was overdone to a degree. I think not, personally.

In recent years I have taken part in western competitions and have witnessed some rather striking clashes between racers and officials. For some reason there has grown up the notion that an official can do no wrong, and a competitor is, by definition, nothing more than a tolerated personality subject to everything from timer's fiat to ex post facto rules.

There is nothing wrong with a good, healthy complaint justly founded and it may do a host of officials (there are exceptions, of course) considerable good to learn the number of racers who agree that this is a fair and accurate report of the case of "the racer vs. the officials":

Now Insignificant: It has now developed that unless the poor be-deviled racer is virtually positive his time was among the best he would scarcely be impudent enough to ask his time. How dare he disturb the mental concentration of the recording specialists! The fun, the frolic, the informal game which used to be played . . . these have disappeared.

If developments stopped here, we could chalk it up to natural causes . . . the business of putting on a race was complicated and such things had to be. But they haven't stopped here.

The notion grew that because the racer's part in the contest is purely physical then, perforce, he is purely a physical entity devoid of the power to follow a logical train of thought or to render a logical thought process out of a given hypothesis. There is so much humor beneath all the whoop-and-holler surround-



"YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO GO AROUND THEM, NOT COLLECT THEM!"

ing the running off of a race that your writer would far rather tell about it. That is, if this bane of "officialdom" at races were not the serious and shameful thing it has become.

Because the mechanics of organizing clubs and associations fell into the hands of businessmen and professional men, it developed immanently (but not logically) that such men in the wisdom of their years should be the judges and timers and recorders of our races. Their direct association with the original "downhill race" as it was conceived was for the most part nil. So they tackled the race-running with the good, cold, efficient manner with which they handle their businesses.

What has happened as a result? Well, startling as it sounds, the racer today is as much a stranger and intruder in relation to HIS OWN ski race as a spectator is, perhaps more so. He has no business asking questions; an obvious unfair ruling against him can be squashed by a nod of an official's head; his advice is seldom asked; his time is in the forbidden sanctum of the unapproachable recorder, and throughout the entire procedure he is on probation under the officials.

The wonderful outdoor mountain sport which truly lifted the spirits of all taking part now more nearly resembles Napoleon's retreat from Moscow presided over by an office force of weary desk workers too bored to smile, too serious about their own eminence to quit.

Without the racers there can be no race. Officials can always be procured. I have yet to hear of an official being carried off on a stretcher as a result of doing his part in the race. I am going to offer a suggestion many times brought forth amongst the racers, but never to my knowledge published. But first let me give a few little anecdotes, all of them strictly true.

For Example: One racer was summarily suspended from competition for a year for no better reason than a personal animosity toward him in the mind of a divisional officer. The racer's formal petitions for a hearing were sidetracked continually. An official of the NSA didn't dare take up the case (though given no evidence, he disbelieved it) because the

acts of the official in question would reflect on his integrity and in the legal sense could be interpreted as libel. The racer got nowhere despite petitions signed by many fellow-competitors.

Efforts to make a mistakenly-given penalty stick in the Nationals at Ogden, Utah, failed only because Karl Molitor was too important to be submissive. In the same race a lesser-important individual had trouble in a set of slalom gates, but nevertheless got through. Despite this, he climbed back to re-run them in order to be sure. An official on a higher plane than gate-keeper was seen conferring at this moment with the judges. Result? Penalty!

A competitor at the Nationals last year asked at a pre-race meeting how many of the downhill finishers would qualify for the slalom. He was told to mind his own business.

The starter in a recent sanctioned giant slalom in Utah carefully announced that one minute intervals would be used for starting the men. They were all started at 30 second intervals. The starter, a prominent businessman, mistakenly assumed that the full sweep of the watch hand represented a full minute. It did not. Just 30 seconds.

At another recent sanctioned giant slalom the first 10 men were timed, then it became obvious that the coordination between the starters and timers at the bottom was so hopelessly muddled that the race had to be called off. For their entry fee many young chaps took great chances to make good time, finished without knowledge that they were not timed, were offered a plate of chili and a vague promise of the race's being run again.

In still another race one of the country's outstanding racers jumped the gun but did not return to the starting gate at the command of the starter. Instead of standing firm on the rules, the officials, in this instance, were influenced by the eminence of the racer and did something certainly not in the rule books: declared the race a tie for first between this racer and the next slower than he.

At a divisional championship open to both class A and B racers the official in charge of prizes announced the results improperly, through ignorance. The combined winner was a class A man. This was properly announced. Winner of the downhill was a class B racer. Instead of announcing his winning the divisional downhill championship, he was awarded a prize for class B. The racer himself did not know that he had actually won the more important title until informed of it by the writer.

Classifications For Officials: And so it goes. The writer feels that whereas no one is perfect, and the handling of a race is not an easy matter (having done his chore of the various "official" posts at one time or another), the fault lies in a system whereby one qualifies as race official because he is a pillar of the community, a well-known person or sometimes (it seems) because he can read and write.

Skiing Is Poetry In Motion

Our organized skiing is now top-heavy with solid business-men gathering their titles and exercising their prerogatives. The forgotten man, the racer, has become about as articulate in matters pertaining to HIS sport as a clam with a speech defect. When it comes to having some say about matters concerning his sport, he is veritably the voice crying in the wilderness.

He spends his money to get to races, he is glared at and ordered around by the official starter, he runs his race slightly bewildered and is promptly put in his place when he finishes and told to keep quiet. If he presents an A classification and wasn't on the Olympic team, he is in the same category as the bank teller with a racing form in his hip pocket. If he asks a question of an official, he is reminded that children should be seen, not heard. He goes through much red tape to enter a race and half his strength is gone before he actually starts down the mountain.

The answer? A set of rules should be respected, if not actually written into the by-laws:

1. Race officials should be classified, like racers. Only can they qualify to handle a race if their ability warrants. Adopt a class A, B, and C system for them.

2. Any questionable action by an official should be subject to open hearing and review at the end of the race by the racers at large and through a committee of their choice.

3. A full and complete list of times in all events must be posted in a conspicuous place at the locale of the race.

Not suitable for framing as specific rules, yet highly important, are the following premises:

1. ALL ski racers are not ski bums.

2. ALL officials are not socially, mentally and morally superior to the racers.

3. Courtesy should be extended by the officials to the racers at all times because:

- a. The racers, in sober truth, are the one group indispensable to the creation of a ski race.

4. Because a man is past 45 and successful in business in no way qualifies him as a race official.

5. An official must never allow personalities to interfere with his duties.

When an elderly man who has skied a couple of years, never raced himself and is allegedly qualified to officiate at a race confronts a racer (after a recent first reading of the rules for downhill-slalom) and demands, in effect, "Are you qualified? Let me see your classification card" the racer should in all fairness be allowed to ask, "Are YOU? Let me see yours."

To Face the Facts: It is understandable that such articles as this tend to create disharmony, which is bad. But we can hide our heads in the sand — or we can face things squarely and insure for the future.

If this matter of qualified officials were resolved sensibly to the satisfaction of all, then you would have no more of the racer who gives lip-service and outward respect to the officials, but despises them underneath.



"I loaf and invite my soul" —

WALT WHITMAN



"He that is giddy thinks the world turns around."

— SHAKESPEARE



"One good turn asketh another."

JOHN HEYWOOD



"When lovely woman stoops to folly" —

OLIVER GOLDSMITH

French Spokesman Answers Charges

(The following reply to James Laughlin's description of international competitive skiing by Parisian Doctor Jean Carle, F.I.S. Vice-President, presents the French reaction to Laughlin's charges. Ed. Note.)

Right from the beginning you mentioned Baron Pierre de Coubertin's spirit. You were quite right to precise that you had not "checked with the Beyond." . . . For the kind, aged Baron de Coubertin with his indulgent and clever eyes would not have failed to tell you:

"Young man, your title is all wrong and the rest of your article shows a complete lack of perspective. You report small items of bar gossip, most of which unfortunately have nothing to do with sports. Why spoil the wonderful memory that hundreds of girls and boys keep of a loyal fight entirely deprived of any hatred. Go back to the mountains, young man, and keep looking hard at the summits."

At Saint Moritz in 1948 were present many Swiss, British, French, etc.—people of all nationalities, including, of course, Americans, who did not feel at all apparently as Mr. James Laughlin did.

Two incidents, it is true, did happen at the beginning of the Olympic Games. The Hockey row, of course, was nothing else but a simple farce. I wonder why should you wish your readers to believe that anyone in Europe really thought of the "American power trying to put pressure on sport" à propos of this stupid affair? Nobody ever gave a thought to the criticism of the newspapermen concerning Mr. Avery Brundage. And I must say that everybody burst out laughing when Mr. Brundage, himself, appeared parading at the head of the hockey team he previously had excommunicated.

Cheers For Americans: It was, as you will recall, the Opening of the Games. I still remember the picture made by the wonderful American team all dressed in white with its lovely girls and tall boys marching on sparkling ice and I can still hear the cheers of everybody expressing their joy on meeting American friends after so many years. Where were those Europeans that were already prejudiced against them? Would you be the only one to have forgotten this spontaneous welcome?

I have looked into the second incident personally. Therefore, I know it well. It concerned the protest lodged by the Norwegians against the Austrians. This protest was sound and valid. Engelbert Haider was a member of the Axis Occupation Troops in Norway; it is a true and known fact that he belonged to one of the Gestapo subdivisions in Oslo. Numerous witnesses confirmed that he was driving the Gestapo's car in which Per Fossum, coach of the Norwegian Olympic Team, was taken to prison upon his arrest. The previous year at the Pre-Olympic Meeting of 1947 in Saint Moritz the very same Norwegians protested against his presence on the Austrian Team. He then did not take part in the competition. Such were the facts. This case was discussed by our International

Committee in a session which did not last more than one hour, not a whole night as you pretend. Although it is exact that my friend Arnold Lunn took part in the discussion, I must state that I assumed the presidency of this meeting and settled the case myself as acting President of the F.I.S. I confess I still do not understand why the Austrians selected Haider whose previous activities they perfectly knew, making thereby a mistake which was considered unanimously as a complete lack of tact. But I know I am thankful to the Norwegians for their fair-play attitude. Nobody lost face. The Norwegians and the Austrians shook hands and Haider competed. . . .

Don't you think this a victory of sports over hate and discord only three years after the nightmare that the World went through and do you know of any other event offering a chance to men still on fighting terms the day before to meet friendly the next day? I don't.

At Saint Moritz games, runners and teams behaved as in all other ski competitions of the past and I remember, when I was still racing myself, our pet game was this friendly spying and cross-spying so exciting before the race. But perhaps you never knew such days. . . . Small groups of runners with "mysterious airs" of conspirators, playing the game and really having great fun, you interpreted as "small separated camps, jealous, suspicious."

Solid Contacts: I don't want to contradict you systematically, Mr. Laughlin, but even though the athletes had very little money and there were very few entertainment facilities provided for them, I am sure that the young people mixed together quite a lot. In fact, many of the boys on the French team made "solid contacts." I wonder now if this young and pretty American girl you mention really did tell you everything.

You also stated that the French Ski Squad trains all the year around at Government expense. The French team trained 21 days during the Winter 1946-47. It was called again for a physical preparation from September 10 to October 10. And, on account of the snow in Chamonix, from December 5 to December 23, 1947. The boys got together on January 8 and left for Saint Moritz. Is that what you call "training all the year around at Government expense"? You further write that "it is pure bunk to say that the French ski differently from the Swiss and the Austrians." This is another statement which I am afraid will absolutely ruin your chances to ever be a real expert.

Slow Motion Difference: It is true that the 10 best ski racers of the World seem to have, at high speed, the same position, whether they are Swiss, Austrian or French. For the last 20 years the best champions of each country have tried hard to be as good as the best one among them. When the Swiss ski champions Furrer and Zogg dominated the whole lot, they served as leading examples for all their ski friends. Realizing the competi-

tion style progress made by Allais and then by Couttet, the best Swiss, Austrian, Italian and also French racers are today taking advantage of their examples. But this does not mean that all methods are alike. It is only at an average speed that the technical differences can be judged. You cited Rudi Matt, Rominger, Emile Allais. I was lucky enough to learn skiing with the first one; to race and meet on the mountain with the second one; to live for a long time in a same village with the third one and to spend weeks on the snow with him. So I think I am entitled to say that in the same series of tests, no one of these three leaders do ski in the same way.

To pretend the contrary could not be serious. For your guidance, I am able to tell you that in Europe for the past 10 years Swiss and Austrians themselves have acknowledged this fact. They have even published books on this same subject.

Everyone agrees that this feud is stupid. So why make an issue out of it?

If I answer your article it is not to impress ski circles . . . but to enlighten the American readers of "SKI Magazine" I know they like definite and exact information.

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Prefer France: It will always be difficult to bring French instructors to America. The French do not like to leave their mountains and at present we barely have enough ski teachers over here. So, if by chance you happen to meet Austrian and Swiss instructors fearful of losing their positions in the United States, reassure them. But I can well foresee that within five years they will be replaced, or at least seriously threatened by your own American Ski teachers, who having realized that the sport is in constant evolution, will teach an improved method of their own, abandoning techniques which have had their glory, but which are already out of date.

And who told you that the Swiss and the French were on bad terms? The "Ski," official journal of the Swiss Association, published a report on the Olympic Games film which textually stated: "We have been able to follow the best ski racers of the World, the French above all, but the remarkable Molitor race as well, and that of Edi Reinalter, making him winner of the Slalom." We have acknowledged the great force of our Swiss friends and they simply reciprocate.

And now to speak of the French Squad. Have you been told that the boys of our team come from Savoie? And do you know that this area of France during all the occupation years, was an important center of the underground movement The "Maquis" as we called it?

Thus, at the very minute, the war ended, Mr. Laughlin, and before ever

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thinking of training for Olympic Games, or hoping for our American Allies' help, which your extreme tact recalls, they had to rebuild their homes, reconstruct blown-up bridges and reorganize their lives broken down by 4 years of resistance.

No Resentment: As for our girls, owing to the bad physical condition of Georgette Miller-Thiollière, we did not bank on any real victory. We certainly lamented that no one of them succeeded in a performance similar to that of Gretchen Fraser, but not any more, I am sure, than you resented the fact that no one of your boys succeeded in a performance similar to that of Oreiller.

Our team of course came to Saint Moritz with the hope to win and to confirm its worthiness.

Please tell me what was the spirit of your competing teams in London? I have seen your swimmers and many other of your athletes, but I can assure you that I would never have been tormented enough to pretend that their sportive eagerness was a manifestation of their desire to dominate the World. Nor to bring it together with the electrified teams of Mussolini.

This is what I wanted to tell you.

No matter what happens, skiers of the entire World will go back to big international ski competitions. . . . Uniforms will never be the cause of discord among young people.

The ski racers do not say: the American Reddish, the Swiss Molitor, the Britisher Palmer-Tomkinson, the Austrian Beiser, the French Oreiller, etc. They simply call each other by Jack, Moli, Jimmy, Trude and "Oreille" and this is what is important.

Good spirit in sports does not exclude love of the national flag nor that of the motherland. Please do not look any further for the true significance of the word "Olympian."

So Mr. Laughlin, leave the Baron de Coubertin rest in peace and let me suggest as the subject for your next article a sentence called from the works of our famous ancestor, Pascal:

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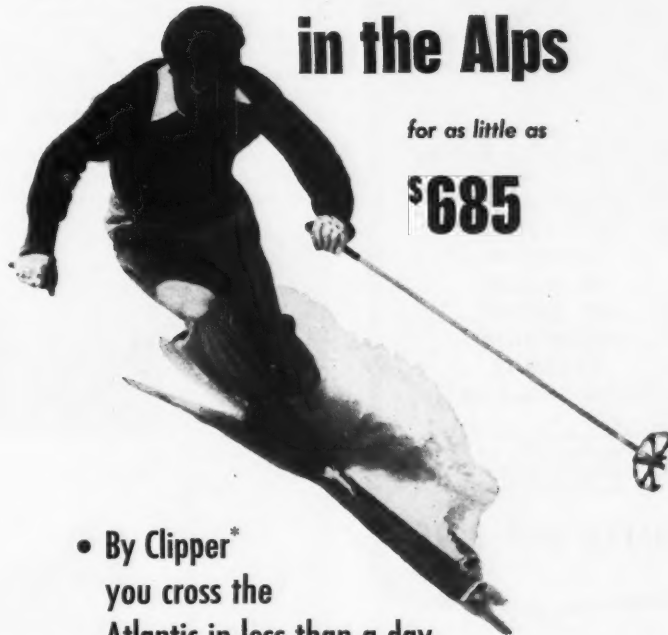
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Winter Carnivals Highlight Scene

As important to students, townspeople and other interested persons as the Mardi Gras to residents of New Orleans are scholastic and collegiate winter carnivals that have become an established part of the winter scene. One of the latter, to be held February 24-26 at Middlebury, Vermont, is the 18th Annual Middlebury College Winter Carnival which includes, this year, the Intercollegiate Ski Union Championships.

The host school is the I.S.U. defender for the third consecutive year and campus spirit runs high. Students volunteer to

Dartmouth, New Hampshire, McGill, Maine, St. Lawrence, Toronto, Cornell and Amherst.

Berkshires Host to Juniors: In Massachusetts Bernie Neveu and Jim Snell are dividing instructor honors at Jiminy Peak, near Hancock, while John Henderson of Essex, Mass., teaches at Vermont's Dutch Hill, 10 miles from North Adams, assisted by Hansen Carroll of White River Junction, Vermont. Henderson, a student at Marlboro College, Marlboro, Vermont, taught under Freddie Pieren at Snow Valley last season



DICK IRELAND

Junior Title Defender From Maine

work in committees in charge of all arrangements, including praying in chapel for adequate snow cover—and their enthusiasm has already been raised to the bursting point by the victory of the men's team in the recent Intercollegiate Meet at Aspen, Colorado.

Emphasis is on outdoor activity, although a Carnival Ball, a play and a "Klondike Rush" party at which awards are made, all highlight indoor events. The women face distaff-side teams from McGill, St. Lawrence, Vermont, Toronto, Skidmore, Cornell, Syracuse, New Hampshire and Mount Holyoke in downhill and slalom. In four events the men will meet

and plans special children's classes for primary grades ages.

The entire Berkshire area is competition-conscious, with the National Junior Championships slated for February 26-27 under the auspices of the Mt. Greylock Ski Club. Young Dick Ireland, a student at Gould Academy, Bethel, Maine, and son of the headmaster, will defend his combined downhill and slalom title won at last year's contest at Bogus Basin, near Boise, Idaho. The downhill is scheduled for Mount Greylock.

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owners, like the skiers, had ample cause to weep, but were, perhaps, unwilling to add another drop of liquid to the spate falling from the skies. At any rate there were signs of healthy laughter in the Northeast.

Near St. Johnsbury, Vermont, Harold Morse, engineer and developer of a winter sports center in the area, was plagued by a slogan he coined last season: "There's always snow at the Goss Hollow Ski Tow." He forbade skiing during the few weeks the area enjoyed snow because he wanted to save the covering for a first

The Lodges's large plate glass windows look out on the Alpine terrain of the Watch Mountain, recently the scene of the Snow Cup Giant Slalom. The course was set by Olympian Dev Jennings, and winner in the men's division was his teammate, Jack Reddish, followed by Alf Engen, Olympic coach now teaching at Alta.

A Californian, Dory-Ann Killian, who works at the Peruvian Lodge, ran second to Suzy Harris, U. S. National Champion of last season.

Norse School: Wisconsin's Lake Gen-



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base. "Now," he says, "I've lost my first base, second, third, and home plate!"

In Manchester, Vermont, Florence and Dolph Rath, owner-operators of Snow Valley and hosts at the Worthy Inn, held a hard luck party for 60 lodge owners and ski instructors. Shmoo banks received fines from those caught talking about business or the weather. First prize for men's costumes went to Jim Whipp of Varley's in Peru. To keep up the front, he wore a tux, but the back of it was burlap covered with his unpaid bills displayed for everyone's inspection.

The lack of snow had one advantage for one group at least. The Oyster Bay Ski Club, which operates one of the two tows on Long Island, N. Y., has stepped back and surveyed its new installation, changing the tow to one that permits access from both sides so that skiers can grip with either hand. A safety fence was erected and slopes smoothed more.

The Impossible Takes Longer

Defying predictions of the impossibility of the feat in these slow-building days, the Peruvian Lodge has opened at Alta, Utah, making rooms, dormitory accommodations and dining facilities available to skiers. According to Earl Smith and Ed Gibbs, sponsors of the project, the west wing will be finished this winter, but the east wing will wait till spring.



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In winning the six-team title over University of Alberta, Montana, University of British Columbia, Washington State College, and Idaho, Coach Buster Campbell's team showed the balance that a

sion is the struggle to promote four-event competition.

Paced by a Big Three, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan Tech, the Central colleges could easily concentrate on jumping and cross country and forego downhill and slalom, but there is no indication on anyone's part that the four-event aspirations will be discouraged.

Uncertain snow conditions and the lack of proper terrain create a serious handicap



WASHINGTON'S HUSKIES
Another Powerhouse For Campbell

year ago made possible the Pacific Northwest Intercollegiate Ski Union title, top honors at Banff's Second Annual International Collegiate Meet, and a runner-up position in the National Intercollegiates at Sun Valley in 1948.

To uphold prestige of this magnitude the Huskies have Allan Fisher, recent transfer from Portland University; Captain Ross Williams; Ole Lie, five feet four inch jump specialist from Norway; Bill Talbot, Gustav Raau, another Norwegian star, and Rees Stevenson. (See cut, left to right, starting with Coach Campbell.)

Aided by assistants Bert Mortenson in cross country, Olav Ulland in jumping, and John Bohnke, manager, Coach Campbell will bring his Huskies to a peak on the 25th and 26th when Washington will act as host school for the Northwestern Intercollegiate championships.

The Central Colleges

The collegiate story in the Central Division is one of activity and enthusiasm for growth. Nine-years-old and stunted by the war years, the Central colleges, Ski programs made a determined effort to revive last winter and have made a strong comeback.

One of the major problems in this Divi-

as exemplified at Wisconsin where the Hoofers have been forced to develop a small hill 13 miles from Madison. On this slope the drop is only 300 feet. Rib Mountain at Wausau offers a rope tow and the best skiing conditions when snow conditions are right. The alternative is a 300-500 mile jaunt to northern Wisconsin and Michigan. That the Hoofers take is all in stride is obvious when their background of competing in the Dartmouth Winter Carnival (1941) and the National Intercollegiate Championships (third in 1948 and seventh in 1949) is studied.

Michigan State at Houghton is the only school that has recognized skiing as an intercollegiate sport and the only college in the Division that supplies a coach for its team.

Under Fred Lonsdorf's direction the Huskies train on Ripley Hill, a good training area that offers four down hill trails, a large open slope, a 100-foot ski jump, and a 1500-foot rope tow, all directly across Portage Lake from the center of the campus.

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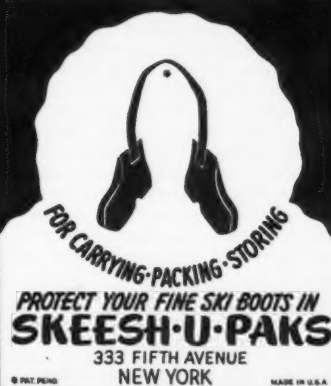


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ANNE WINN

Teaching At Hailey, Idaho

Johnny Fripp, former head of the Mont Tremblant ski school and outstanding racer, now directs the school at Cata-mountain area on the Massachusetts-New York border near Hillsdale. The area is also offering free instruction to beginners using the tows at the area. Assisting Fripp in the ski school are **Walter Fenn**, **Jack Bell** and **Bob Chevalier**.

Jim Simmons of Portland succeeds **George Henderson** as president of the Oregon Winter Sports Association. **Fred-die Pieren**, former instructor at Manchester, Vermont's Snow Valley, is now at Sun Valley as chief waxer and head of the ski check room at the Challenger Inn.

Olympic team member **Anne Winn** is instructing in the schools of Hailey, Idaho, her home town, near Sun Valley. The Feb. 13 issue of This Week Magazine carries a spread on **John** and **Lois Jay** giving some of their adventures in quest of good ski films in North and South America and Europe. The piece was written by **Ed Christopherson**.

Utah's two national champions, **Suzu Harris** and **Jack Reddish**, will soon be schussing the middle aisle. **Suzu** is engaged to **Bill Rytting** of Salt Lake and **Red-die's** engagement to **Sharlene Brewer** was recently announced.

The **Gary Coopers** of Hollywood have purchased 30 acres of land in Aspen, Colorado, and plan to build in the spring. **Sid Gerber**, head of the Anderson & Thompson ski company of Seattle, tried to get away from the snow by going to Palm Springs, California, only to find it snowing there, so he decided to go to Switzerland instead.

Norman Knight, of Banff, now heads the ski schools at the Arizona Snow Bowl and the new area near Williams, Arizona. The state, incidentally, has had the most snow in 12 years.



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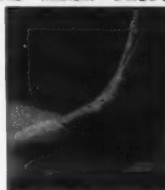
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Mass Summer Vacations Threat To Skiing

By ROYAL BLANCHARD

Mass vacations with plant-wide shutdowns will be so general this year that they will have an important effect on industrial and recreational operations.

How does this trend effect the skier who prefers to vacation in the Winter?

If the practice of mass vacations in July continues to sweep the country with its present rapidity, Mr. and Mrs. Skier will be sitting in his or her plant or office practically alone, if they let them in. So complete are the shutdowns that only the maintenance crew will be present making repairs. There is no doubt that industry is favoring the general shutdown. The reasons given: inefficiency during the vacation months has slowed down production, and a shutdown provides an opportunity to get major repairs done without interruption of production at a later date; with the shutdown personnel problems are minimized, there is no confusion over job substitution and reassignments that have to be made when vacations are staggered.

Every Season Has a Reason

All good points as far as the machine world is concerned. How about the *human* side of the issue? It seems little enough privilege that a worker can choose his own vacation time. When this privilege is gone, he might well be classed with sheep which are herded about in masses. There are other disadvantages in mass vacation practice. Over-crowding of resorts during the first two weeks in July has caused a rise in prices for the vacation period. The Industrial Committee of the New England Council reports, "New England can accommodate 300,000 people at the present, but if the mass vacation practice continues there will be an overcrowding of hotels and facilities in general." Transportation cannot handle the general exodus that follows a general shutdown. Many friends who used to vacation with the same group or even family, when husband and wife work, have to vacation at different times. From Maine to California the trend is upward in granting mass vacations with about 50% having mass shutdowns, and the other 50% being divided about 30 against and 20 undecided. So; that's the picture. Lets hope it never arrives at the framing stage!

Fifth Freedom

What can the skier do? Write, telegraph, wave a pair of skis in front of your television set; make yourselves heard. In this manner we will not have answers, "never heard of it." We learn from William Green of the A.F. of L. that he had never been asked to take a position on either the year-round vacation plan or the mass type; speaking unofficially, and not reflecting the sentiments of the C.I.O.. Publicity Director Allen L. Swin replied: "You are the first person in a long, long time who has asked me a question to



SWIM INSTRUCTOR BILL O'BRIEN
A Strict Neutrality in Florida

which I couldn't provide a definite answer. I do not believe I have ever heard a serious discussion of 'mass' vacations as opposed to the 'normal' kind.

"My very limited knowledge of the subject leads me to believe that the 'mass' vacation idea has not spread very far, except in a few industries.

"I have generally been able to take my own vacation when it suited me best and I do not believe I would like to give up this privilege."

Make these people hear of your opinion: your Congressman, Senator, Employer would all like to learn how you feel. Scandinavian countries have laws that insure Freedom of Vacation choice to all employees. "Long ago summer vacations were made compulsory by Act of Parliament. Many employers, however, realize that a vacation during the winter months is just as necessary — or even more so — than the summertime." So says E. Christensen of Copenhagen, Denmark.

Switzerland

SKI is pleased to quote the Stanley Home Products through the diligent research of Miss Elizabeth Shoemaker, of the Pioneer Valley Association, Northampton, Mass.: "Your plan has been in effect here for several years and has met with the approval of our associates. Our present paid vacation policy covers a vacation period from the last week in May through the third week in September, with further provision for off-season vacation for our associates who are interested in fall hunting and winter sports.

"We like this plan for several reasons, the most important being that our associates are thus able to take vacations when it is desirable from their viewpoint. Their varied interests are best met in this manner and, of course, this is of prime importance to us in our establishment of any vacation policy."

"The Western Massachusetts Electric Company with 1,000 employees, allows

them to take vacations at any time, unless their first choice of time actually interferes with the proper operation of their particular department. George R. Keegan, director of public relations, states, 'I think the trend is moving slowly from July and August to other months of the year'."

From The Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. "Our vacation schedule extends over a five-month period from June to October. We have many employees who arrange for winter vacations and every facility is offered to them to serve their convenience in this respect, in fact a reasonable number of winter vacations lessens our summer load."

The National Association of Travel Officials (NATO) is with the skier, and is inventor of the slogan "Every Season has a Reason," and such slogans to make sure that you can ski when and where you want. Mr. Garth Cate, travel director of the Scripps-Howard Newspapers, chairman of the Year-Round Vacation Committee of NATO, reports the following resolutions:

To conduct a nation-wide promotional and educational program to extend vacation seasons.

To help place the recreational travel industry on a sounder economic basis.

To spread the economic benefits of vacation over twelve months of the year.

To insure better use of existing travel and vacation facilities.

To overcome unsound vacation habits which have no relation to fact.

To insure greater comfort, better accommodations, stabilized costs and fewer disappointments for vacationists.

To assist business and industry in solving economic dislocations due to the crowding of vacation seasons and to encourage the development of better and more extensive year-round recreational facilities, having in mind the need for moderate-priced accommodations on the part of the new millions who are now receiving vacations with pay.

First step in the Year-Round Vacation program will be a survey of current business practices in the granting of vacation time and the collection of data on the effects of granting early and late vacations, and *Winter vacations*.

The New England Council, a very strong advocate for VF quotes the Waltham News Tribune, — "New England has a Winter vacation business that is of the utmost importance and growing every year as more and more individuals become converted to skiing. The wise employer, therefore, will appreciate the value to him of permitting those employees who prefer their time off in the Winter months to take advantage of their calendar preference."

Swiss cancellation of stamps express their sentiment with "Health and Joy of Living from Winter Sports," and "Staggered Holidays for Comfort."

It was during his student days in Switzerland, Averell Harriman tells us, that his interest was awakened to the

BUSINESS TRENDS

need in America for Winter Sports and for year-round vacation facilities. Later, as chairman of the Union Pacific, Mr. Harriman was responsible for the great Sun Valley development.

Denmark has advanced far on the road of social welfare. In employers' as well as employees' circles a growing understanding of the importance of winter vacation is noticeable, and efforts are already being made to change the regulations for vacations.

Dr. John W. Studebaker, the United States Commissioner of Education, has stated that one-sixth of the nation's school facilities are being lost because of the practice of closing schools at the same time. Dr. Studebaker relates that in the Swiss system of staggering school vacations in their three largest cities, Berne, Basle and Zurich co-operate in a three-year program in which each city takes a turn at early, middle and late closing dates.

It might be interesting to know that most of our vacation habits were established in the days when we were largely an agricultural nation; our top speed was 25 miles an hour, and our highways were practically nil; heating resorts was a problem as well as open plumbing. It is little wonder that people preferred to vacation in the summer months.

To-day, if we can't average 45 miles an hour in the family super-charged car, drive 400 miles a day, sleep in an air-temp room on a form-fitting mattress, in a room reserved for half a year, with bath, we just aren't living.

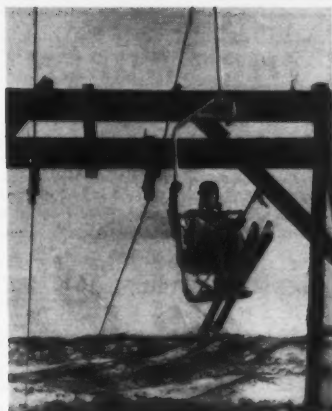
Ever mindful of the skiers interests, SKI Magazine has polled different sections of the country for opinions. From Worcester, Mass., we hear from Seth Martin, Director of Worcester Ski Club:

"The majority of Worcester skiers are employed in industrial plants. With forced summer vacations they would be forever deprived of any possible opportunity to spend a vacation skiing. With this one thought in mind the idea of mass Summer shutdowns should be seriously considered by management."

Frosty Bradley from Royal Oak, Mich., says, "I believe mass summer vacations will create considerable dissatisfaction among rapidly increasing skiing enthusiasts in large metropolitan Detroit area."

Mr. James M. Simons of Portland, Oregon, says, "Forest Service Surveys indicate one in 6 persons in Portland are skiers. There would probably be many changes in employment if local firms forced vacations in Summer. My vacation will be spent in Sun Valley in February."

These have been the pros and cons of Mass vacations and Vacation Freedom. If skiers want VF, — talk about, write about it, broadcast your feelings. In this way your labor representative, and employer can't say, "Never heard of it," and "Didn't know you cared." A vacation is a time to relax and enjoy a change when you need the change, not when the factory needs repairs. Your health comes first!



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COMPETITION

An Equal Opportunity For All

Arthur (Red) Barth, President of the National Ski Association, when made aware of the dissatisfaction of many easterners with the announced plan for elimination tests for places on the 1950 FIS American team, wired this reply in answer to a request for clarification on details:

"Objective to use series of race results for team selections rather than tryout meet. Western meets include national championships in downhill, slalom and giant slalom. North American championships next in national race importance. Deemed advisable to use two race results from Aspen because Aspen terrain will be site of 1950 races.

"All divisional championship results will be considered thus. Eastern does have three meets, results of which will be considered — Berlin (jumping and cross country), Franconia (giant slalom) and Eastern (downhill, slalom championships).

"On the other hand, the schedule of cross country meets is a handicap to Central skiers, who must travel to New Hampshire or Washington for trails.

The Problem: "Our biggest problem seems to be size of country rather than desire to please all skiers in all Divisions. Final selection committee to be named soon will have decision on number of meets necessary for compulsory participation. It seems quite possible all racers cannot attend all races for reasons stated in Feb. 1 SKI Magazine. Such cases as students, etc. will, I am sure, receive consideration of committee.

"Everyone is interested in selecting top skiers of the whole nation to represent the United States in the World Championships. We are dedicated to give all skiers everywhere an equal opportunity to show through their ability, their right to team berths.

"I believe it was a reasonable assumption on part of committee to feel top skiers of all divisions would participate in national championships which are key races in the list of meets as posted."

All of which would lead to the conclusion that if competitors feel they have a chance to make the FIS squad, they must be ready to make financial and educational sacrifices of no minor nature.

A Tough Job: It is apparent that the selection committee faces an unenviable task in boiling all the eligible talent down to 20-man squads in downhill-slalom, special jumping, combined cross country and jumping, and a women's team. That there will be counter opinions expressed regardless of final decisions is inevitable.

The elimination plan does, of course, focus more than usual attention on those competitions the committee will count on most heavily in selections, the first of which are the National Open Ski Jumping Championships at Salt Lake City on Feb. 19-20, and the International Open Ski Jumping and Cross Country Championships at Berlin, N. H., on the 26th and 27th.

CANADIAN

Toronto Skiers Scorn Lack of Snow

Despite a slow, snowless start, skiers in the Toronto area are engaged in one of their most active ski seasons, says Hal Holden. The Toronto Ski Club, which celebrated its 25th anniversary last season, claims to be the largest ski club in the world operating its own property, only 12 miles north of the city. When there is snow, several thousand skiers swarm over the area.

But recently, with snow around Toronto as scarce as penguins at the North Pole, club members have been trekking about 100 miles to Collingwood, on Georgian Bay, where seven rope tows up to 1500 feet in length operate. A special train provides transportation to and from every Sunday.

The new Dieppe downhill run which parted the Blue Mountain vegetation at Collingwood this year will serve as the course for most of the races which are held every weekend. The Senator, another new trail, is in the intermediate class. Plans for the future call for a T-bar tow to the top of the mountain and floodlights for after-dark skiing.

Visiting Firemen

Four of the world's greatest skiers, James Couttet, Henri Oreillier, Claude Penz and Jean Blanc of France will race on Laurentian slopes during February. The snowburners' visit, arranged through the cooperation of the French Office of Cultural Relations and the ministry of Foreign Affairs, is considered one of the most important events in Canadian skiing in many years.

After arriving at the Montreal airport February 17, they will proceed to Jasper in Quebec at St. Donat, P.Q., where Georges Fusey, host of the ski resort, will entertain them during their stay in the Dominion. The Jasper-in-Quebec ski area boasts a Constam combined T-Bar and chair installation a few yards from the door of the lodge, and the visiting Frenchmen are expected to have opportunity to show their style to Provincial residents.

Officials of the St. Donat Ski Club hope to introduce the skiers at a special meet the week-end of February 19, and it is expected that the racers will participate in the Dominion Downhill and Slalom Championships and the Quebec Kandahar, both at Mont Tremblant, while on this side.

Ernie McCulloch, recent winner of top honors in the Canadian instructors' ski school, will be head pro at the Villa Bellevue at Mont Tremblant, P.Q., with the assistance of Bob Richardson. McCulloch holds records on the Taschereau at Mont Tremblant and the Baldy run at Ste. Marguerite.

And at Mount Norquay, near Banff, Alberta, Instructor Harvey Clifford is training local racers for meets at Rossland, B.C., and Whitefish, Montana. Many of the skiers ride the chair lift during lunch hour and are picked up at the foot of the mountain in time to return to school at 1:30.

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Plastic Soles Protect, Stiffen Skis

Hovde (pronounced Hoow-da) and Johansen & Nilsen skis from Norway join the long list of imported boards that share the display racks with the Gros-wolds, Northlands and Splitkeins.

Distributed by Norse Ski Company of New York, Hovde and Johansen & Nilsen are only a few of the names sponsored in this country by a Norwegian manufacturer's organization. Others include Bro-dahl, Ulvseth, Bonna, Drammens and Toppen.

Since the war began, Norse laminated hickory skis have been a rare item in the United States.

Back again with that characteristically more pointed tip, Hovde and J & N wear Temporit plastic bottoms and top edges.

Formerly scarce information on the available types of plastic soles for skis comes from Wali Schramm, a correspondent for SKI Magazine in Sun Valley. No skis were sawed in half to see what went on inside, but a few that perished from natural causes went under the knife and the only datum missing after that was a chemical formula for the plastic.

Developed in Switzerland, the Inglin base applied to the Baden ski won the first converts in this country. Soaking the plastic into dovetailed grooves gives it a structurally perfect anchor.

In addition the grooves for top edges are routed out and then the plastic goes on.

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ening the plastic is routed, much like wood, to take the steel edges, and a special plane hollows out the groove.

The top edges actually rise in relief above the ski, insuring the finish against any normal hazards. Most top edge constructions fit flush with the ski although the higher edge offers more protection.

Five or six fine lines running parallel to the groove lessen the tendency of a smooth plastic to form suction on the snow and lag behind.

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Next come the parallel lines, 10 on the running surface to the beginning of the groove, and three or four running the rest of the length.

Early tests: U. S. Distributors in Pasadena bought the U. S. franchise from Attenhofer in 1947-49, and the accompanying instructions in German that gave the firm some indecision as to the consistency of the glue. Many test pairs peeled, according to Schramm. Since then the formula has been ironed out and early headaches allayed.

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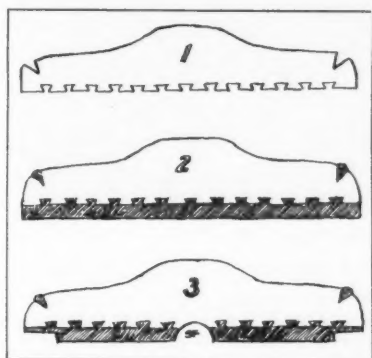
lacquers that strip off like fingernail polish might look into the Temporit base lacquer. Extensive tests in Sun Valley prove it speedy and non-chipping.

Northland experimented with several plastics in 1947, finally adopting a transparent plastic called Lucite, resembling plexiglas, but three or four times harder.

One of the earlier compositions used by Northland was a jet black plastic containing graphite, similar to Lucite in its basic composition.

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Warped Or Right

A letter from a California ski jobber reached SKI Magazine recently, asserting that any concave ski (See SKI, December 1, 1948) would automatically be thought warped by the buyer and turned down as defective.

This bit of ski lore is passed along for all readers. Every good pair of skis is either slightly convex or concave at the tip, usually concave when the tips are placed together. This so-called "peculiarity" means that skis will track properly; that is, follow a downhill course without drifting unless directed by the skier. The groove helps but the curve at the tip really stabilizes the ski. This is not "warping".

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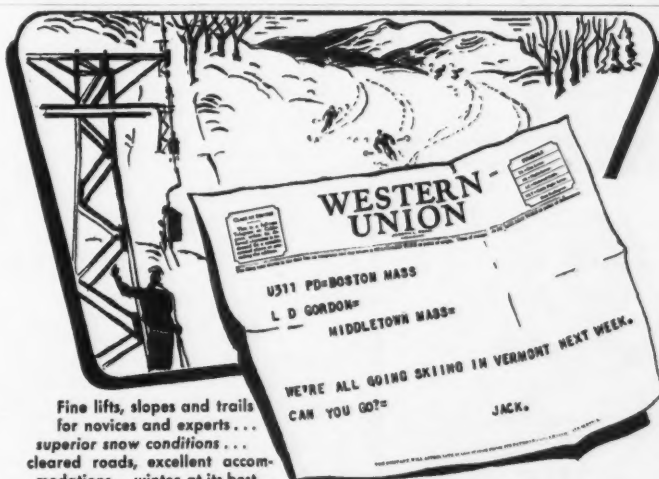
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Mighty Mites Four Events Skiers



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Coach Bill Brown Wants Them Young, Well Equipped

Small fry skiers from central and southern Idaho gathered January 29 and 30 at the Payette Lakes Ski Area, McCall, to compete in the meet that tops in spectator interest all other scheduled area tournaments. The Bill Brown, Jr., annual Mighty Mite Four-way for juniors under 13 was an exhibition of the skill, courage, stamina, and sportsmanship of youthful skiers. Youngsters from five to 13 were allowed to enter any one of the four events, but only totalled points in all events counted toward the winning of one of the big golden trophies that kept small noses pasted to the local drug store window for a week before the meet.

The Mighty Mite Four-way was no sissy meet. Events began on Saturday with the cross country, a gruelling two miles of slides, trudges, and herringbones across a flat near the ski hill. Saturday afternoon the downhill was run off over McCall's steepest hill with the youngsters barrelling down with few checks. Sunday saw the young skiers racing through flag-tipped slalom poles over a course that was a test even for experienced adult skiers. It took some of the six-year-olds a long time to get down; but they climbed back up for every gate they missed, and came in at the finish, gat-toothed grins wide and freckles blending into red faces. Climax of the meet was the jumping contest. The boys used a small jump, especially constructed for little juniors, and usually made leaps of 30 to 60 feet.

Initiated four years ago by Bill Brown, Jr., McCall's racing coach, the Mighty Mite contest has grown from a local affair to show parents what their youngsters could do, to a meet that draws spectators from a wide area. Although it is open to any young entrant, the meet still remains

largely of local interest because all the top places have been won each year so far by Bill Brown's Mighty Mites of McCall.

Born On Skis: Perhaps this is proof that McCall's plan for junior skiers has passed the experimental stage. McCall babies are born equipped with skis, and from December to April the powder stuff that makes skiers is there for them to play in. But the ski club, the Chamber of Commerce, and Big Bill Brown believe that it takes more than snow and a pair of slats to make good skiers.

"Give 'em to us young," Brown tells parents. "Outfit 'em as you would yourselves; and if your youngsters have nerve and will work, we'll turn 'em out skiers."

Brown, hired during the winter season by the ski club, turns out not only skiers—he turns out racers. His work with McCall juniors has given him a name throughout the Pacific Northwest, where his charges have ridden their skis and jumpers to most of the top places for two years.

The Payette Lakes Ski Club and the Chamber of Commerce are solidly behind Brown. Daily free bus transportation to the ski hill is furnished all school children; season lift tickets are nominal in cost; and any youngster lacking equipment is supplied from a pool of used material. Instruction is free.

Junior skiers make return by packing all the runs after snow storms and by keeping both adult and junior jumps in condition. Packing is part of their training, for McCall's runs are short; and packing makes young legs strong for long Sun Valley or Mt. Hood races later in life.

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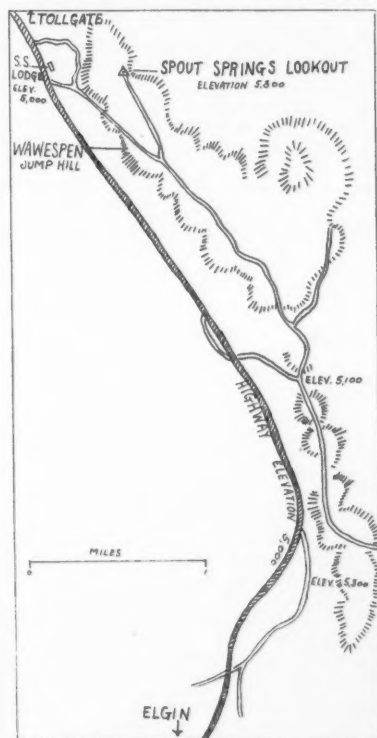
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SPOUT SPRINGS AREA, NEAR TOLLGATE, OREGON

National Cross-Country Topography

open benches and through stately evergreen forests. (See photo on page 10.) The Spout Springs course lies within the Umatilla National Forest near Tollgate, Oregon, 40-odd miles from Walla Walla, Washington, and Pendleton, Oregon.

At the recommendation of Buster Campbell, PNSA skier-coach and chairman of the NSA Cross-Country Committee, the course will be set far enough in advance to allow contestants to train over it. Olof Rodegard, Norwegian-born ski pro and proprietor of a nearby resort at Haines, Oregon, and Leland Osborn, a pioneer skier and mountaineer who runs the Tyrol Ski Shop at Tollgate, will set the 18 kilometer course for the March 5 and 6 races.

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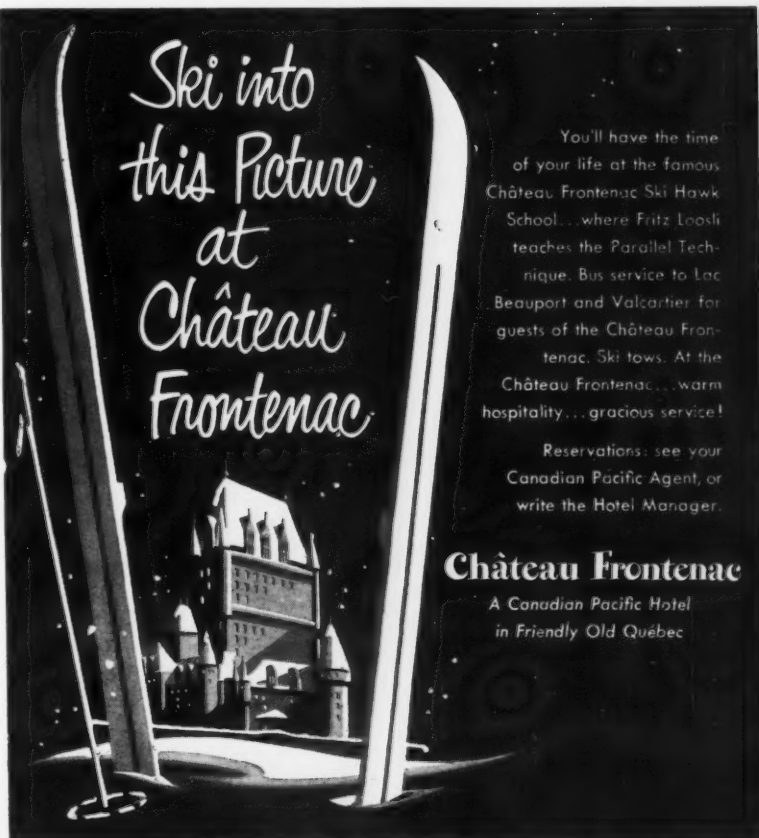
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Ski Meister Quits: Insanity Suspected

by W. P. G. CHAPIN

I've tossed my skis into a hot fire where they will jolly well burn to a crisp, and I plan to spend the rest of the winter sitting before the fireplace and mumbling into a cup of gall.

It's a retreat, but a better life.

The gals who put skis on their lovely little feet and board the first snow train out of Grand Central can drive a ski instructor to distraction in less time than it takes to run Suicide Six. I know. And I learned the hard way because I took a job as a ski instructor at one of Vermont's resorts this winter.

Never again.

Diplomacy and patience, that's what you've got to have to be an instructor. I had both when I started, but . . . well, just pull up a chair and listen while I recite a few case histories that are typical. You'll see what I mean.

Here goes:

First on the docket is Miss A—, who sidles up to the ski chalet practically ripping price tags from her skin-tight outfit—but she forgets one minor item: skis.

We hurdle this obstacle by renting a pair.

"The left ski harness goes on the left foot," I say, tolerantly, and a flicker of understanding creeps into Miss A—'s big blue eyes. Once the skis are on her feet, and on the snow too, (a maneuver not completed without some confusion), Miss A— is escorted to the beginners' slope.

"No, I want to go there!", says Miss A—, pointing to the steepest pitch in sight, and punctuating her demand by falling down.

"Oh Lord no, anything but that," I mutter under my breath, explaining that conquest of the experts' hills will arrive all in good time. But such mundane things as snowplow turns are beneath Miss A—'s dignity, or powers of concentration.

The lesson ends with Miss A— looking fondly at the mountain regions above her, and paying no attention whatsoever to "Bend ze knees".

The Beginner: A second familiar breed is personified by Miss R—. She's never been on skis before. I bravely go



"SKI? WHAT FOR?"

forward to the battle-scarred ground of the beginners' area and beckon to her.

Miss R— stands stock still. I call again. No result. What Ho, I think, she's deaf.

Miss R— is not deaf. She is standing, not on skis, but on two planks coated with two and a half inches of thick, sticky snow. She's immobile—rooted to one spot between two evergreen trees about 30 yards from the ski tow engine and pointing south.

"Perhaps," I offer in my oiliest manner, "you are using the wrong brand of ski wax today, Miss R—. There are different kinds of wax for different days, you know."

"Why that's impossible!" Miss R— is incredulous, and not a little hurt at the very suggestion.

Then what kind of wax is it, I ask, with a reckless plunge into the unknown.

The classic comeback: "Why, it's a special something that an old Norwegian mixed up and stuck on my skis for me."

There it is! These old Norwegians are great conjurers. It couldn't be a mistake because an old-timer who obviously knew his stuff "mixed it up for me." What could be simpler?

The Disinterested: Then there's the type that ignores you. A case in point is the middle-aged Mrs. C—, who carved a niche in my hall of notoriety with some antics which were downright baffling.

When I meet Mrs. C— I say to myself, here is fine malleable material—not slow, not fast—just about right.

I'm wrong. I wind up Mrs. C—'s lesson in a semi-coma. Her only response to my beguilingly-worded instructions is a peal of uncontrolled laughter, and then a blank, far-off stare at some skier whipping down the hill a couple of hundred yards away. I repeat the request for action, and again that well-rounded laugh, followed by the rapt gaze. I don't believe she hears ten words during the whole lesson. Finally, with some show of panic, I demonstrate every turn in the book, plus a few that aren't in it. Sort of like trying to catch her interest by putting snow on her

tail. But it's no go. I drag myself away an hour later a mental and physical wreck. As I look back at the beginners' slope Mrs. C— is still staring into space. She wears a bright red, woolly ski suit; you may run into her some time. I think she's still there.

Another trying example of the species is Miss B—, who regards the lesson as a contest, with the girl still on her feet at the end declared the winner. Miss B— can take unbelievable punishment, she can collapse into positions that would make a jujitsu expert blush with shame, and she can drive a ski instructor crazy.

For instance: When Miss B— has emerged from a snow drift and I'm torn between dashing off to fetch first aid, or just quitting the whole business, she looks up, clucks self-reproachingly, and asks, "please could I just try that once more; I think I know what went wrong."

Miss B— is convinced, apparently, that falling down will analyze her faults. Nothing will analyze her faults. They just exist. But she never gives up. It can go on like that for days. Matter of upholding the family honor.

The Impossible: At the polar extremity from the Miss B—s, are the Miss J—s, who once down, can't get up at all. The only solution is to forget professional pride, which by this time is exhausted anyway, and (a) grasp firmly by the arm, (b) pull hard, and (c) prepare yourself for immediate repetition of the process. A loud noise can easily unbalance Miss J— as if she had been shot by a rifle. Unfortunately I never seemed to have a rifle handy.

A variation on this are the unaccountables who, when pushed off on the first flight down the slope, slowly sink lower and lower until they gently make contact with the snow. They exhibit a polished technique; they stand straight as a ramrod at first, and it may take a full 75 yards of accordion-like collapsing before they reach the ground. Something magnetic about it. And they put a stop to all surrounding activity, because the other students in the class stand around in a state of horrible suspense, waiting for the end to come.

The Determined: And lastly, the lopsided neophyte. These can be dealt with, but you pay a price. Miss R— will serve to illustrate. Miss R— can do passable turns, but only in one direction. She has it down pat—to the right. She absolutely refuses to try anything except that magnificent wide sweep around right end. Infinite hiking back to the original starting-point is required, but Miss R— is happy. She knows how to do right turns, and by gad, sir, that's all she wants to do.

Well, that ends the saga of women who wear down weary ski instructors. There are other examples, but these will suffice. Though indispensable elsewhere, I can get along without them from now on when they hitch long slabs of steel-edged wood to their feet instead of high-heeled shoes.

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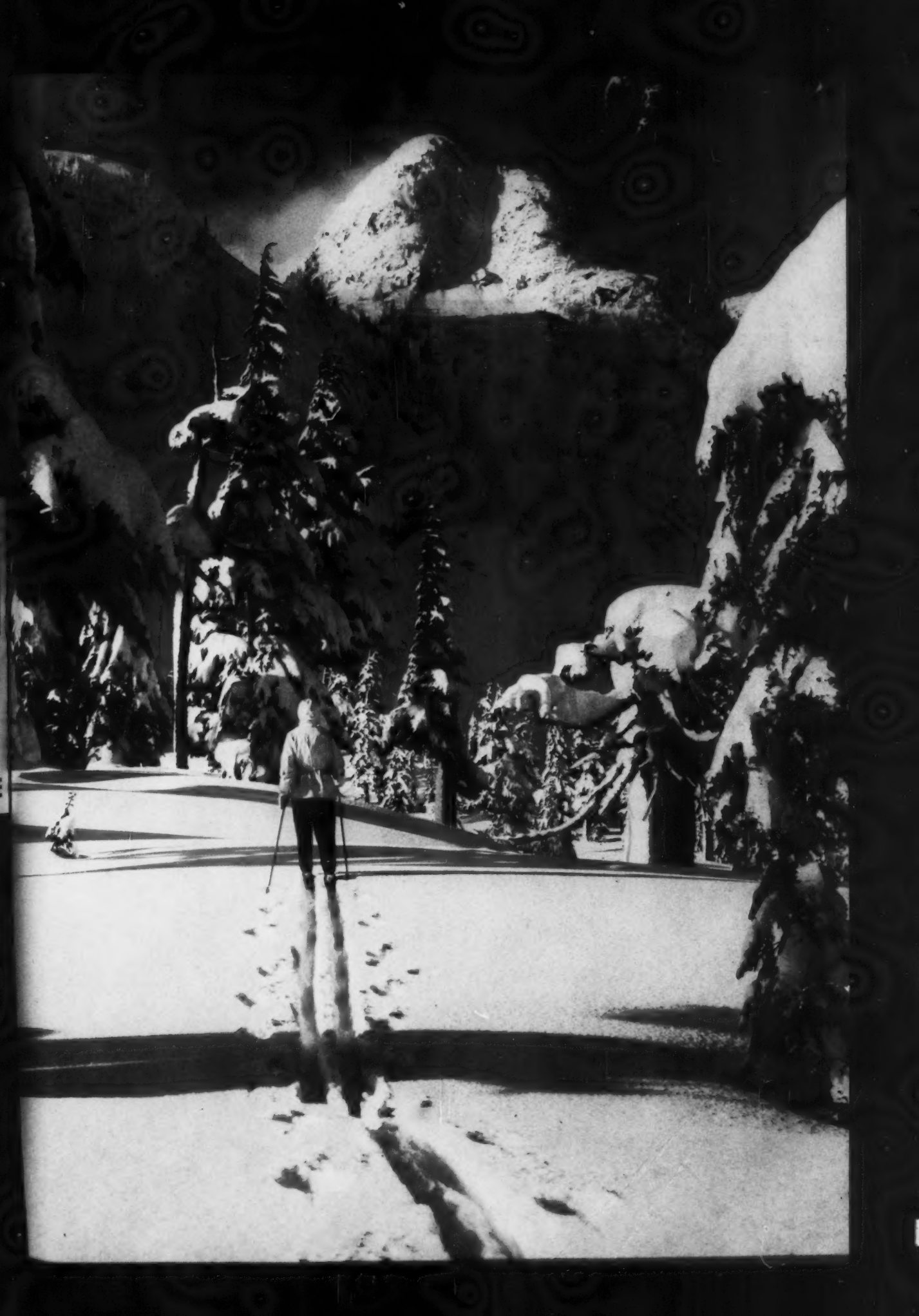
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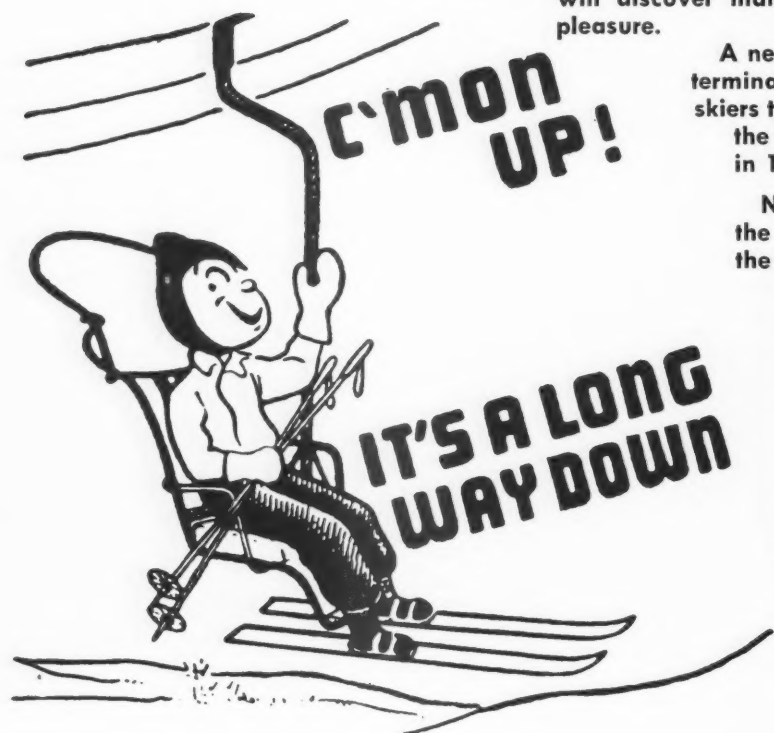
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